

2013 Needs Assessment for Lowndes County

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Accomplishments

1. Provided school supplies and financial support for back to school rallies in Hayneville and Fort Deposit.
2. Partnered with the Lowndes County Board of Education and District Attorney's Office to support the Lowndes Helping Families Initiative.
3. Partnered with Head Start to support the annual fishing rodeo.
4. Partnered with the Lowndes County Sheriff's Department to support Law Enforcement Day.
5. Provided financial support for the Lowndes County HIPPY program.
7. Partnered with Head Start to support the 'Week of the Young Child' day on the square program in Hayneville.
8. Partnered with the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service to support youth leadership programs in Lowndes County.
9. Provided financial support for youth summer programs at the Hayneville Boys and Girls Club and Edgewood Tutorial in Fort Deposit.
10. Partnered with the Family Service Center of Lowndes County to support the Parenting Matters program and other services to provide counseling, job placement and parenting training.
11. Partnered with the Family Service Center of Lowndes County to support the annual Food Pantry event which served over 250 families.
12. Partnered with Alethia House to support intensive outpatient drug

treatment in Lowndes County.

13. Partnered with local churches to expand organized recreational programs.

14. Partnered with Bancorp South Bank and FDIC to expand Money Smart financial literacy training to youth in Lowndes County.

15. Provided financial support for the Student Tutoring and Enrichment Program (STEP).

16. Partnered with the Lowndes County Housing Authority to support the fatherhood initiative.

17. Provided financial support for the Lowndes County Department of Human Resources annual Christmas drive.

18. Participated in Jackson-Steele Elementary School Career Day program.

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Support and expand existing extracurricular activities, and develop new extracurricular activities for children and youth in Lowndes County.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Family Service Center of Lowndes County Hayneville Boys and Girls Club Collirene Boys and Girls Club Lowndes County Board of Education Lowndes Academy Alabama Cooperative Extension Program Lowndes County Head Start Lowndes County churches and cooperative missions Edgewood Tutorial Hayneville Public Library Fort Deposit Public Library FDIC Bancorp South Bank Central Alabama Community Foundation Black Belt Community Foundation Lowndes County Commission Youth Summer Employment Program HIPPY Student Tutoring and Enrichment Program Zion Homework Enrichment Center 45er's Youth Football League Good Shepard Catholic Center White Hall Summer Youth Summit First Years Summer Enrichment Program	Community based youth sports facilities Funding to support existing programs

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Support and expand existing summer youth programs by facilitating grant funding for the operation of summer programs.
2. Support and expand existing after school tutoring programs by working with faith based and community based organizations to promote training for tutors.
3. Support and expand existing youth athletic activities and opportunities.
4. Develop a youth mentoring program.
5. Aid in the distribution and dissemination of information regarding youth programs and activities in the County.

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Support and expand programs to address issues related to juvenile crime.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Lowndes Helping Families Initiative Lowndes County Board of Education Office of the District Attorney, 2nd Judicial Circuit Lowndes County Juvenile Court Lowndes County Commission Lowndes County Department of Human Resources Family Service Center of Lowndes County Alethia House Lowndes County churches Lowndes County Sheriff's Department Family Sunshine Center Child Protect CAPS Dallas County Youth Detention Facility The Brant Center Alabama Department of Youth Services	Counseling and treatment facilities for juvenile drug abuse located in Lowndes County.

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Establish a mentoring program to provide positive role models for youth involved in the juvenile justice system.
2. Institute alternative juvenile programs designed to address issues of juvenile delinquency.
3. Working with stakeholders to strengthen the Lowndes Helping Families Initiative.

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Ensure the safety and well being of children in Lowndes County.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Health Services, Inc. Kid One Lowndes County Juvenile Court Lowndes County Board of Education Lowndes County Sheriff's Department Lowndes County law enforcement Alabama Department of Public Health Alabama Department of Mental Health Lowndes County Commission Family Service Center of Lowndes County Black Belt Community Foundation Central Alabama Community Foundation Alabama Cooperative Extension Service West Alabama Public Transportation Department of Public Safety Child Protect Family Sunshine Center Alabama Beverage Control Lowndes County Department of Human Resources Children's Rehab Services Corps of Engineers	Greater access to transportation services Greater access to pediatric health and dental care

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Support efforts to increase access to pediatric health and dental care and assist in publicizing the pediatric health care services now available in Lowndes County.
2. Increase awareness of transportation opportunities available through organizations such as Kid One.
3. Continue to work with the Lowndes County School System to reduce the high school drop out rate.
4. Increase communication between elected officials in Lowndes County on issues related to child welfare by hosting a leadership forum.